



"ET TU, BRUTE!"

THE BRITISH LION. — I did n't mind the others, Rudyard; but I never thought you'd be prodding me!"



A HITCH IN THE PERFORMANCE.

PROPRIETOR.—Well! Wot is it?

EMPLOYEE.—Dere's a mouse in Leo's cage, and de female lion tamer's lost her nerve an' das n't enter!

HER STATUS.

"Alas!" said the first Chinaman; "China has almost ceased to be a nation."

"That 's true," said his friend.
"She is merely a market."

NO PRESIDENTIAL BEE.

ELDERLY PARTY.— Never mind, my boy, some day you may be President of the United States.

THE BOY.—Aw! I have n't any more show than Bryan!

AUTOMOBILING REVEALED.

Mr. Perfume.—I thought when you sold me this automobile you guaranteed it to be a first-class hill-climber?

Dealer.— U'm!

Mr. Perfume.—Well, the only thing it has shown any tendency to climb has been telegraph poles!

INTERESTING.

Uncle Pumpkinduster.—I think it 's about time the people who went to the Pan-American Exposition stopped talking about it.

Uncle Geehaw.—Waal, I don't mind them that only talk abaout what they seen on the Midway!

THE SPIRIT OF THE HOUSE.

HEN come the stilly hours of night, Then, safely hidden from the sight, The Spirit of the House prepares To roam the rooms and halls and stairs.

It takes the couch's foot and begs The favor of the table's legs; And these in turn are set in place Beneath the body of a vase.

Two arms, collected from among The chairs, are at the shoulders hung, From which a pair of hands depend A watch is kind enough to lend. The sideboard, asked in its behalf, Subscribes the neck of a carafe, Whereon appears a stolid head — The contribution of a bed; In spite of wrathful "tick" and "tock" A face is borrowed from a clock; A teapot's nose; some needles' eyes; A pitcher's mouth of ample size; While ears an earthen jar bestows And thus equipped the spirit goes, Enveloped in a coat of paint, Upstairs and down, without restraint. But do not fear; 't is good and mild And would not harm the smallest child. So, when at times amid the dark, To creaking floors and doors we hark, The Spirit of the House, be sure, Is on a friendly little tour.

Edwin L. Sabin.



RIOTOUS EXTRAVAGANCE.

MRS. GRADY.—Sure, th' Hogans are a lazy, wasteful lot av shpalpeens!

MRS. DALY.—They be thot! They 've just paid two months' rint sooner than go to th' shmall throuble av moving!



HATED TO THINK OF IT.

CLARA.—What 's your idea of not letting him propose?

MAUD.—Well, as soon as we are engaged, it will be my sacred duty to make him economize

FROM THE PETTYVILLE PLAINDEALER.

BY COUNTRY correspondents are requested to write briefly and to the point in preparing their accounts of "quiet weddings;" they may, however, consider themselves at perfect liberty to spread themselves in giving the details of any uproarious weddings that may occur to break the monotony in their respective neighborhoods. We further wish them to remember that a groom attired in "the conventional black" is sufficiently covered without any description of

his dress; but a groom married in tar-and-feathers is worthy of special rates and a full column with scare headlines. If the "happy couple" then depart they should be permitted to go without saying; but should they begin to pull hair before the minister has got out of hearing we want all the particulars. If the table "groans," let it groan; but if any of the guests choke to death on the "collation" it will be a serious matter with our special correspondent if we don't get complete and early returns. What we want is news that is news.

FELL DESIGN.

But this pretty chauffeuse won't eschew her Design in small fragments to strew her Neighbors along The highway, though 't is wrong, And far more than some will endure.

IN THE FUTURE.

FIRST PLUTOCRAT.—You've known him a long time, haven't you? SECOND PLUTOCRAT.—Yes; we were millionaires together.

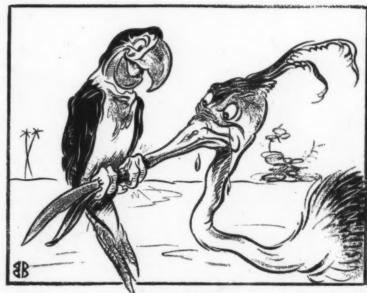
THE PROTECTED industries are not only in their infancy, but they seem to have a constitutional disinclination to grow up.

CRAVINGS.

"Goldslathers is going to put up a cottage for his wife in Southern California."

"What for?"

"Well, she wants another place that she will get tired of living in."



A MEAN ADVANTAGE.

Mrs Parrot, calling on Mrs. Heron, monopolizes the conversation by taking a tight perch on that lady's beak.

A MENTAL INDIGESTION.

Being certain Things that happened to a Man who sometimes thought he could read all the Magazines and pick therefrom the intellectual Plums.

HIS STATE OF MIND.

HE MAJOR'S long black coat was somewhat the worse for wear; but in Friedeg every man, woman and child knew that coat as well as the lithe, straight form, the warm heart and the flat pocket-book that it covered.

The Major's military carriage drew up before a cabin in the new country, where the jackals howled drearily, and the restless wind

soughed in the trees day by day and night by night.

A slatternly woman opened the door. Her face, that half Canadian-French, half Indian, that is all of evil, was hidden behind her fan. Her eyes were dimmed by tears, but she was conscious that he was bending over her, and was showering his kisses on her white neck.
"I am wet and cold," he murmured; "I have

swum the river to see you, perhaps to die at your feet. My country is all to me, though I love you, love you, Dobathea; though your father hates and spurns the cause of the people, I still love you, love my country!"

A shot rang forth.

"Waal, I guess Si Higgins ain't a-goin' to stop as long as he thought. Cotched him that time," said the post-master, as he shifted his quid. The other laughed.

"And if I refuse?"

"There can be no refusal! Tell Jerkins & Company that Podunk & Pothook must advance thirty points this week.
"Advance a step and I shall fire!"

There was no doubt that she was determined, and the grimy-faced man at the throttle looked out at the flying landscape. He tried again, and the veins on his forehead stood out like whipcord.

Again. It was no use. The engine was beyond his control!

Another moment and we saw that the frigate was unbending

her top-gallant bo'swain preparatory to bearing down on us. We hove to windward, and the calm, unruffled aspect of the sea in



WHAT IT COST HIM.

NEWLYWED JOHNSON (gloomily) .- Dat wedding trip cost me jest about fifty dollahs.

Mrs. Johnson. - Yo' did n' spend but foah dollahs and eighty-seven cents, yo' lobster!

NEWLYWED JOHNSON. - Yes; but de 4-11-44 gig came out while I wuz away.

this particular is due to the vast masses of kelp, seaweed, and other aquatic growths that extend for miles and miles where the trail becomes rougher and the outcropping is all of the tertiary period showing that civilized man had not yet contaminated these goodnatured and really handsome savages who advanced with drums and tom-toms to meet us.

The chief proffered a dish of silver at the ratio of sixteen to one, making it possible for this or any other nation in the concert of



GRANDMA WOULD BE PLEASED. MISS LOVELORN. - Ah! Sometimes I ask myself is life worth living? GRANDMA.—Well, my dear, I wish I had as much time to find out as you have!



HARD USUAGE.

MRS. BARGANDY .- Will they wear well? SALESLADY.—Will they? Well, I should smile! Why, they've been on this counter for nearly two days, and there ain't a hole in them yet!

powers to assume the responsibility, and thereby end the reign of Adrastus CXVII, to whose gracious permission we are indebted for the privilege of inspecting this most remarkable cabinet, from which issued sounds that set us all a-quiver.

Warren clutched my arm convulsively. I knew it was his fate, his dark doom, and the fate of his family. Twelve years ago, on Christmas night, and the snow was falling lightly, covering the earth with a mantle of white and making noiseless the beat of the horses' hoofs. The bells rang merrily, calling us to a dinner served in the Russian style, with its smoked and pickled fish, and its alternate sweets and sours formed by the growth of millions of infinitesimally minute efflorescences; and whether we apply the theory that they had taken another road, or that they were galloping, galloping towards the ambuscade which the rebels had so cleverly laid, could not be determined now. Maggie's face grew white, and she bent over the horse's neck.

"Steady, Cracker," she whispered. "Steady; there is work for both of us to-night." She glanced over her shoulder, and her heart almost stopped beating. Behind her was a horseman with the hated colors.
"Arm yourself!" he hissed.

Maudlin considered. He had dropped his sword when he stumbled into the cavern. Sir Amesbury Asphile saw his advantage and strode forward, a sardonic sneer writhing his thin lips. It was a moment for action. Maudlin seized one of the pewter tankards on the table and cried aloud, in triumph:

"Arm you, villain! We fight with the weapons oose! The man who spills a drop is lost!"

The face of his opponent bleached. The novelty I choose!

The novelty of the duel caused those about to crowd closer. There was a rapid pass and a shower of meteors, such as occurs at this season of the year due to the product of the square of the ration of the solar nebula's primal rotary motion to the increment thereof between the epoch of its conglobation multiplied by the decrement of exterior space for one to move. When he saw it his face fell with a crash that made him jump to his feet. The entrance was closed, and before him was a mass of stone that not two dozen men-at-arms could move. Thus, it is a tale told in the Marsh Country of the hard blows that came of Sir Oliver Weathervane, him of the faded eye and the sharp sword, who went out with the Duke of his land and came back more than a Duke.

Howbeit, there was reason, and enow, for Mikelhenny to

observe as he glinted the light through the turf-smoked potheen, and saw it in all its amber loveliness.

"By the limb of life, Downey, if you wag that rid hid of yoors agin I 'll tear the streak of yellow out of you!" out o' you!

The coroner could not believe his ears. "Vut!" he yelled, as he danced about; "Vut, dose mench die, ya, und not dell me nodins? I vill haf dem prodsecuted! I vill substain dot tignity von mine office!

The lawyer eyed him sharply, waiting for an opening. It came unexpectedly; for there, confronting him, not two feet away, was the dreaded Yamyamerly, the wild -

The case was pronounced hopeless, and continues so, yea, even until this day.

A PRELIMINARY.

"Then those pugilists are going to fight?" "Yes; they've reached an amicable agreement."

HIS VIEW.

UNCLE JOSH.—An' when you git the microbes inside of yer, how do they give you disease? Uncle Silas. - Well - er - I s'pose they don't agree with yer!

A STUDENT OF HUMAN NATURE.

Muggsy.—Youse give two dollars for de pair of trousers at de rummage sale? Why, dey 're too tight an' too long for youse to wear!

Swipes (elatedly).—Sure! But, say! I knew that if I could find de gent whose wife sent 'em to de sale he 'd gimme five dollars for 'em to get 'em back!



RUINED HIS REPUTATION.

THE ADVANCE AGENT. - Crack up the show, all you know, won't you? Tell them it's the greatest thing that ever happened THE EDITOR.—The trouble is I 've done that so often that people don't take any more stock in me than if I was an advance agent.



AT THE PLAY.

"Financial success is no criterion of excellence."

"No; but the average playright is n't looking for a criterion."

TWO WAYS OF WORKING IT.

POET.—I have written a fine poem that I am going to send to The Hightoned Magazine.

FRIEND.—But if they don't take it there, what will you do with it?

POET.—Well, then I can sell it to a comic paper as a nonsense

While the Adullamites persistently complain that we are living under the reign of the Dollar, it will be noticed that they never carry umbrellas.

FOUND-BY A CAT.

"What shall we do, Henry?" exclaimed Mrs. Doubleduff, desperately. "The awful cat seems to have taken up her abode with us and I can't drive her away!"

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CARTOONS AND COMMENTS.

CUBA'S RELIEF. PLAIN duty, like other plain things, is often so plain as to be unattractive. The American beet-sugar interests are viewing this country's plain duty toward Cuba with utter aversion. The plainer it becomes, the greater their detestation of it. The Cuban planters are suffering acute distress for want of a market in which their products may be sold at a living profit. The Cubans are, moreover, powerless to conclude treaties with other countries save by the consent of the United States; a condition imposed upon them when we ceased to treat their island as conquered territory under martial law. Having tied Cuba's hands in this manner, we must either reduce our impost on her products or impose quite as grievously upon her as ever did her ancient holders. The duty in the case is of a plainness to make the traditional pikestaff vague and nebulous.

Happily for Cuba—the Congressional conscience as to plain duty being not too exacting—the advantage of reducing our imposts would not consist exclusively in conscious rectitude on our part. There are material advantages to be considered by Congress, which make the prospect of action more promising. Reciprocity, as to Cuba, is no meaningless term of benevolence. Our own interests are already suffering along with hers for want of an arrangement that would secure us her import trade. Our exports to Cuba diminished nearly five million dollars' worth in 1900 and a round five millions more in 1901. The showing is bad. Not only should our own industries have cheaper raw materials in sugar, raw and refined, iron ore, tobacco and woods, but our manufacturers should be enabled to sell Cuba the countless articles of merchandise she is now forced to buy largely from other countries. These considerations—cheaper raw materials from Cuba, and the monopoly of Cuba's market,—both lie outside of any moral duty toward the

island. Reciprocity with Cuba will be urged for business reasons by the great body of our manufacturers and exporters. It will be opposed for equally selfish reasons by the comparatively small body of beet and cane-sugar growers in this country.

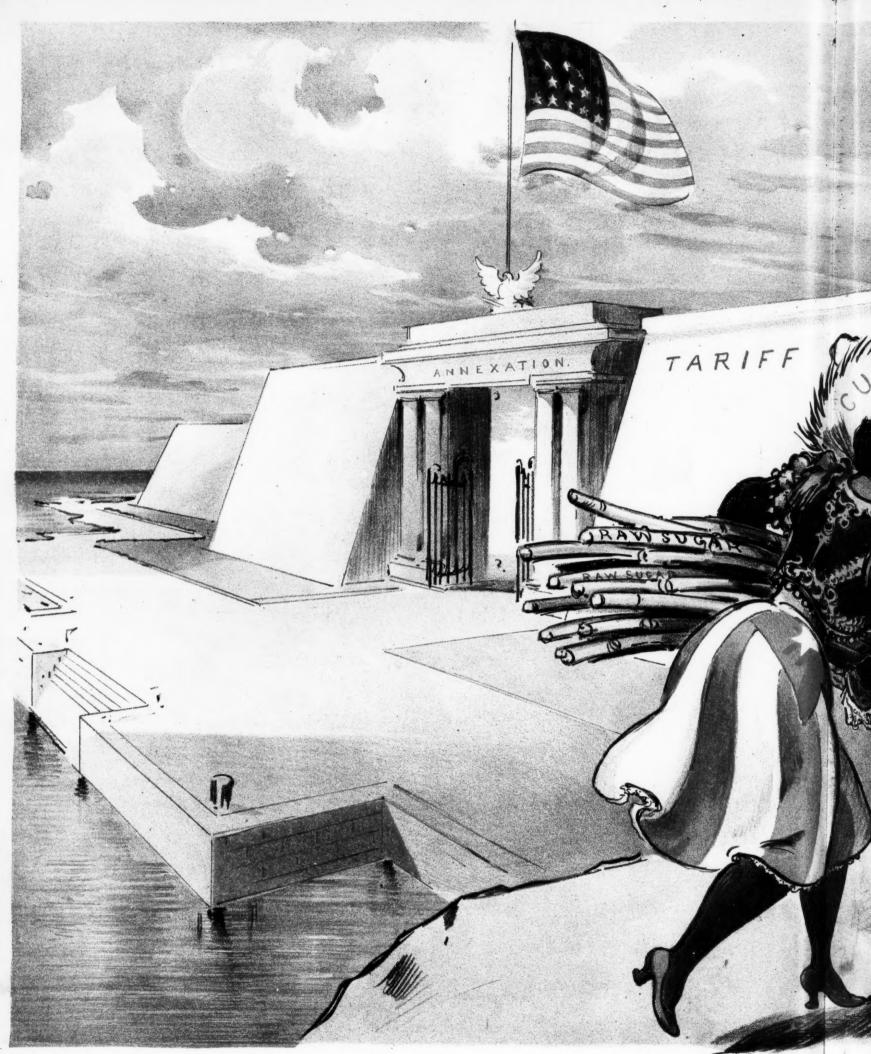
And there the matter lies. An able historian of the recent war in Cuba, now occupying the White House, has reminded us that "the guns that thundered over Manila and Santiago left us echos of glory, but they also left us a legacy of duty," and that a nation disregarding that duty would "forfeit the right to struggle for a place among the people that shape the destiny of mankind." There remains to add only the pertinent fact that disregard of duty in this instance would also forfeit a considerable profit in dollars and cents; and, perhaps, to point out that a refusal to accord the help now asked would tend, by paralyzing the industries of Cuba and pauperizing her people, to force annexation. If the sugar interests will recall the case of Porto Rico, and are able to think as many as three moves ahead, they may decide that the half-loaf of Reciprocity is better than the dry crust of Free Trade.

AN EMBASSY TO THE CORONATION.

It is pleasing, of course, to observe in this land of democracy that the monarchical idea is still properly loathed. We derive the fresh and welcome assurance from several rep-

resentatives of the daily press whose voices have been lifted in passionate protest against the sending of a special embassy to the coronation of that agreeable monarch, King Edward VII of Great Britain and All the Rest of It. The spirit of this protest, we submit, is admirable—one to be cherished by every lover of the principles upon which the first thirteen of these United States began to do business as one nation. Yet an embassy has been appointed, composed of gentlemen more or less eminent in our civic and military life, to witness this ignoble ceremony. And it is just possible, moreover, that the situation is one in which the most zealous patriot is not called upon to become hysterical. It really seems, at first glance, as if the official congratulation of a friendly monarch upon an event so great in his own eyes and the eyes of his loving subjects—tawdry and barbaric though we must privately esteem it,—would not, of necessity, shatter the rock upon which this republic is builded. It may be, after all, a mere act of conventional politeness, under the glittering surface of which we may claim the privilege of Poch Bah, and "need n't mean it at all." It is often remarked openly by persons of excellent repute that the essentials of democracy are not endangered by a discreet exchange of civilities even with those nations who are an age behind the styles in government. And, if we inaugurated a President no oftener than Great Britain crowns a monarch, perhaps we should enjoy having notice taken of it by other nations. We hope, therefore, that the sensitive democrats who are writing discouraged letters to the press will cheer up a bit.





CUBA'S OPPORTU

CUBA. — Why not let me in? Porto Rico is inside.

AMERICAN SUGAR-GROWER. — She did n't come in this gate.



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OPP RTUNITY.

e went through the other one - and I can't control that !



JOHN BULL'S REPLY.

o's THIS that has started to roast me? Who 's this that is calling me down?

Bless me! It can not be Rudyard! Yet who else could roast me so brown?

What does the beggar want, anyhow? Does he want the man in the street

To go to the veldt and the kopje, where, may be, he might have to eat

Mules, like the heros of Kimberley; or where he may walk into traps

And explain to a giggling public that the traps were n't down on the maps; Or give up his pompons to Botha or his uniform to Delarey, Or follow De Wet's nimble burghers through the heat and the toil of the day,

And then have Lord Kitchener cable that he can not exactly explain
How in blazes De Wet keeps a-doing it, but he's gone and he's done
it again!

Oh! The man in the street, my dear Rudyard, is n't longing for African shores!

His passion for glory won't lead him to tackle those pig-headed Boers. He'll stay in the street and be thankful if fate has for him nothing worse

Than to cuss hyphenated commanders and ponder your soul-stirring verse

And read the laconic despatches — though oft the reports make him wince —

Of the Captain who whipped Fuzzy Wuzzy — and has n't done anything since!

Wm. E. McKenna.

A DREAM.

Marden Jones was so anxious to attend the President's reception that when he fell asleep, after his New Year turkey, he dreamed he was in the corridor of the White House. To his surprise, he was the only caller waiting. He filed into the stately parlor to the music of the marine band and found President Roosevelt waiting for him, and he received such a cordial handshake that his bosom swelled with pride. Could his eyes deceive him? Another President Roose-

velt stood next in line and gave him an equally cordial greeting! And then a third appeared, and a fourth. And looking forward he saw a long line of presidents, all smiling, all eager to manifest their friendship in a strenuous manner. They shook and shook until his fingers ached and his muscles were sore. After shaking hands with a thousand presidents he was inclined to retire, but the attendants told him he must not think of such a thing until he had saluted every one. "And how many presidents have we?" he cried. And the answer was, "To-day we have just eight thousand hundred, and you will everlastingly disgrace yourself if you fail to shake hands with everyone of them." And Mar-den Jones went on, hour after hour, saying the same things, smiling the same smiles, shaking hand



SPOILING THE WHOLE THING.

MICKEY.—Hully Gee! If dat ain't a shame! Sixteen men and four ole ladies hez slipped down on dat spot in de last twenty minutes, and now dat lobster is puttin' ashes on it!



A PESSIMIST.

HE.—Why, I come near gittin' a reg'lar job playin' de guitah wunst!

SHE.—Waal, I reckon if any'ting would have made yo' gib it up, gittin' a steady job at it would!

after hand, until his arm was limp, his knees trembled beneath him, and he was vowing under his breath never to attend another presidential reception.

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And then, of course, he awoke.

THE FRUITS.

"Is the sending of armies of ten thousand men to the Philippines an evidence of benevolent assimilation?"

"Oh, no! That's nothing but plain dyspepsia."

IN THE MILLEN-NIUM, of course, there will be no need of either gunboats or missionaries.

Now THAT Bishop
Potter has denounced Prohibition
as "an impudent
fraud," Mrs. Nation
may be confidently
expected to wave a
certain historic implement in the air
and volunteer a few
rugged remarks.

THE PIPER OF DOONEY.

HIN the Dago comes 'round wid his organ, And the childer' all dance in the shtreet, 'T is nayther Eytalian nor organ I see Through the dust and thremble av heat.

For his chunes sind the brick and the morthar And the tenemints meltin' away; And plain as your arm there 's Dooney wanst more Shtill sweet wid the smell av the May!

And up through the shtreets av ould Dooney
Wid his pipin' comes Dinney Magee;
And, Oh! How the childer' crowd 'round at his heels
And dance like the waves av the sea!

Thin we shlip through the wall beyant Tullagh,
And the childer' all wandher away;
And sez Dinney to me: "If your lips were a pipe,
I'd be pipin', Dear, all av the day!"

Sure, it's twinty long years, and I'm thinkin'
'T is many a mile o'er the sea;
But divil a chune can I hear without thought
Av my Dooney and Dinney Magee!

Arthur Stringer.

HIS OBSTINACY.

"The way it sorter looks to me," said Farmer Buckover, a bit acridly, "President Roosevelt is goin' to be considerable obstinate and bullheaded. I may be prejudiced, but it strikes me there are already signs that he won't do all that William Jennin's Bryan advises in the matter of runnin' the country."

IMPORTANT, IF TRUE.

The Rushville Bazoo was recently equipped with linotypes, and in the next issue of the paper its readers were surprised to see that "the condition of affairs in the Philippines is practically kglx it it it 4-bJ. sp STVVQZ keepxik aouffiz bl."

THE PROGRAMME of the European concert probably includes a funeral march for China.



A REPETITION.

DOLLY FLIRTIGIRL.— I am engaged to be married. Congratulate me, dear.

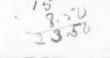
MAUD BRISK.— With all my heart! Everything I said the last time goes now!

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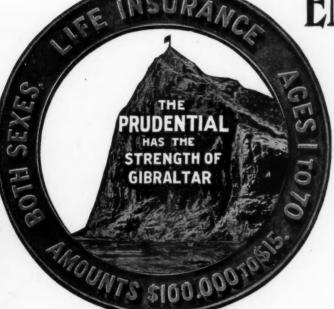
Bennet.—Did you ever know anyone so homely?

Nearpass.— Hardly! Why, she is so homely that automobile goggles are actually becoming to her!

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"To hang up this mistletoe-branch," she said.
"And may I assist in the decorating?"

"No; thanks! But you might in the osculating!" -Detroit Free Press.

AN UNMISTAKABLE SIGN.

MRS. NAYBOR.—Well, what did your husband say? Is he going to give the dress?

MRS. NEARBYE.—How did you know I had asked him?
MRS. NAYBOR.—I could n't help noticing the bad humor he was in when he started to work this morning.—Catholic Standard and Times.



THE CAUSE OF THE DELAY.

SHE. — If you had told me you were n't feelin' well, I 'd have fixed up some of these old-fashioned remedies a couple of days ago. HE.—Yes, I know. That's why I did n't say anything about it

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A LAZY MAN'S LOGIC.

"Don't you yearn for fame?" said the ambitious youth.
"Why should I?" answered the able but indolent person. means that somebody will write an article about you for the encyclopædia."
"Well?"

"There are more articles in the encyclopædia now than anybody feels like reading."-Washington Star.

BACON.—I hear the woman who went over Niagara Falls in a barrel, and

the man who came over from Europe in a packing box, are going on the stage.

EGBERT.—Yes; they will play the title-rôles in a piece called, "The Fools Are Not All Dead Yet!"—Yonkers Statesman.

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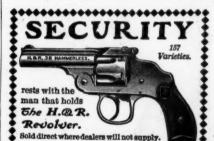
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A WAY OUT.

TAILOR.—See here! This bill has been standing since 1893.

GRAPHTER. - My dear sir, don't you know that anatomists say man charges entirely every seven years?
TAILOR.—What has that to do with it?

GRAPHTER.—Well, don't you see I 'm not the same person who contracted that bill?—Catholic Standard and Times.

A Possible Barrier.

KATHARINE. - I asked that homely Mrs. Hobson how it was that she had been married four times and I had n't been married at all.

DOROTHY.— Dear me! What did she say?

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KATHARINE.—She said that perhaps I was too particular.—Detroit Free

NOT THROUGH YET.

"What kind of a Christmas did you pass?" asked the friend.
"The same as usual," answered Mr. Bliggins, sourly. "Twenty minutes of turkey and mince pie, and six weeks of pepsin."—Washington Star.

That colored citizen covered the ground when he made the statement that he had "one wife, ten chillun, de rattlin' rheumatism en a hope er de hereafter."—Atlanta Constitution.





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THE SITUATION.

MRS. TOMPKINS .- Do you think your son's life is blighted by that cruel girl?

MRS. SIMPSON .- Oh, no! Archibald is too much infatuated with himself to be seriously injured by any external love-affair. - Detroit Free Press.

ON THE TIES.

WILLY.— Pa, is acting a trade or a profession?

PAPA.—Sometimes, my son, it 's a profession, but usually it 's a walk in life.—Catholic Standard and Times.

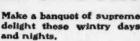
PATIENCE. — I think she 's two-faced.

PATRICE.— Oh! Don't say anything so horrible about her! Don't you think it 's bad enough for a girl to have one face like that?— Yonkers Statesman.

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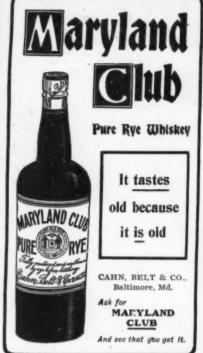
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THE KENTUCKY HUSBAND.—What do you suppose a man would do if the time should ever come when he'd have as much trouble finding his pocket as a woman does?

THE KENTUCKY WIFE.—Carry his flask in his boot.—Yonkers Statesman.



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AS TO THE ARTIST.

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AT THE MUSICALE.

DENTZ. — What was that remark Miss Goodart made about Howlett's singing?

LENTZ.—Why, she said she admired his technique.

Dentz.—Was that it? What is "technique," anyway? French for "gall?"—Catholic Standard and Times.

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A MORNING SURPRISE IN NEW NETHERLAND.

Came with hook plugs in their knees, Dried their lines around the trees, And then called for bread and cheese, Came at sunrise to the lawn-GREETING with a blink and yawn, Dutchmen rosy as the dawn Of Van Zeekle's "Golden Horn;" And the first mugge to the morn.

Swifter moved the tavern maid And the Dutchmen in the shade Started up a serenade— And forgot, with soothing clay, All the time they 'd thrown away Baiting hooks out in the bay -Shrieked a snatch of drinking song; When the tide was flowing wrong.

Then it was that Hans arose, Swung his mugge in steady pose. And in words he slowly chose— Told how Leyden persevered, And the merry burghers cheered When he said the Dutchman feared -Toasted men of Orange birth; Naught that ever roamed the earth.

And the boasting Dutchmen fled,
Left their mugges and cheese and bread,
And the ruddy toaster led — Till it seemed that every tree -Then another, long and free. Shrill a shriek of fiendish glee, Hid a yelling copper man; Dodging arrows as he ran.

Victor A. Hermann.



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